

Ramon Pickering Cops Second Prize in Pomona Car Racing

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It was an exciting week for the Ramon Pickering family of 4414 Green Meadows Ave. Ray's mother, Mrs. Bonnie Taylor, arrived from Breckenridge, Tex., for a visit.

Then this week end, Capt. Pickering entered the sports car races which were held at the Pomona track. He did

some prize-winning driving and came home with a second place trophy won in the consolation race on Sunday.

Anne Burns entertained a group of neighborhood women in her home at 4439 Highgrove Ave. last Wednesday evening. Those who enjoyed the many games of canasta, and also the

tasty pecan pie and coffee served by the hostess, were Joyce Sullivan, Dolores Struble, Virginia Harney, Mary Bowman, Eileen Duffy, and Jo Quinn.

The "Vagabond Players" gave a series of skits at the American Legion in Inglewood on Friday night and a return benefit at the USO Saturday night in West Los Angeles. Members of this group are Charles Hackbusch, Ronald Marriott, and Joyce Poole. Helen Hackbusch is mistress

of ceremonies for the players. She and her husband, Charles, and family, live here on Pacific Coast Hwy.

The familiar sounds of a new infant permeate the household of Mr. and Mrs. James Cloud, 5429 Calle Mayor.

The Clouds and their three children, Joy-Lyn, Jay, and Paul, welcomed a baby boy on Jan. 8. The paternal grandfather is Douglas J. Cloud and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Hensley of Minerva, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bradfield, 23425 Shadycroft Ave., have just returned from a trip to the Midwest.

Don, who is an airlines pilot, and his wife flew to Detroit where they purchased a new car and then drove to Dallas, Tex., where they visited their families. They encountered cold, but pleasant weather on their trip and are very happy to be back with us in the sunshine again.

Friends of little Diana Hernandez will be glad to know that she is home from the hospital after a severe case of tonsillitis and flu.

Another young lady recuperating this week is Marilyn Hackbusch, who was bitten in the lower lip by a dog. The wound is healing and the stitches have been removed but eating and drinking are still difficult to do.

A new couple has just moved into the residence at 4633 Green Meadows Ave.

They are Sgt. and Mrs. C. E. Ball. Sgt. Ball is attached to the new Nike site on Crenshaw Blvd. and is a member of D Battery, 865th AAA MSL Battalion, and said that in the very near future the site will be open for visitors. Tours will be conducted on Saturday between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

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Work to Start Soon on Big Alondra Park Improvements

With the major improvement program at the lake area at Alondra Park now nearing completion, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week announced approval of final plans and specifications for the general development of the northwest section of the park.

Construction bids for this latest project will be opened on Feb. 13.

Work to be done under this project includes general grading, landscaping and the construction of two new softball diamonds and one baseball diamond.

This project is an important part of Supervisor Hahn's program of developing Alondra Park into one of the finest regional recreational centers in Southern California.

Improvements Made
With work soon to be finished on the new picnic shelter and the bridge to the island in the lake, the development of the eastern portion of the lake area will be completed. Major improvements in this area the past year have included new curbs and walks around the perimeter of the lake and island, a concrete terrace north of the recreation building, and extensive landscaping.

The new picnic shelter is located east of the lake and is completed except for being fitted with stoves and sinks. The new bridge to the island is also virtually completed.

Development of the 13 acres at the northwest corner of Alondra Park, on land formerly occupied by a housing unit, will make it available for recreational activities for the first time.

Ball Diamonds
The two new softball diamonds will be located just east of Prairie Ave., one near the corner of Manhattan Beach Blvd., the other approximately 400 feet south.

The baseball diamond will be located approximately 200 feet south of Manhattan Beach

Adult School Slates Class In First Aid

A standard first aid course to be held Monday and Wednesday evenings at North High School will be offered by the Adult Education Department, Torrance Unified School District, and Torrance Chapter, American Red Cross, beginning next Monday.

This course is designed to teach emergency care for the injured and accident prevention. It meets requirements for bus drivers' permits and is recommended for teachers and youth leaders as well as parents. Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificates will be awarded at the end of the course. Mrs. Marguerite Ferguson will be the instructor. Registration will take place in the classroom, Room 11, at North High School, 182nd St. at Yukon Ave.

Jerry Garber Back in Camp After Visits

Gerald D. "Jerry" Garber, Torrance High School grad and former active leader in Torrance Police Car Club Assn., has returned to Fort Lewis Wash., after spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Esther Cloward, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Sarrazen, 1115 Eriel Ave.

Garber was graduated from Torrance High last June, and was active in athletics and drama at school, playing the lead in the senior play, "Father Knows Best," last year. He is scheduled for duty in Germany next month. He plans to continue his schooling when he completes his military training in 1958, his mother reports.

Blvd. and approximately 800 feet east of Prairie Ave. Approximately 76 new trees will be included in the landscaping program in addition to new turf throughout the area. New trees will include deodar cedars, eucalyptus, California incense cedar, Queensland nut, olive and cork oak.

Future Plans
Provisions have been included for future developments in this area including parking areas adjacent to the baseball and softball diamonds, and other courts and play areas.

About four months will be required for completion of the general development program. "By next May this section of the park should be green and beautiful and it should prove a real attraction to the people and especially to the children," Supervisor Hahn stated.

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